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**REMARKS**

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for determining that claims 3 to 8 would be allowed if submitted in independent form. Applicant has cancelled original claims 1-8 and provided new claims 9-22 containing independent claims 9, 15, 21 and 22 where new Claim 9 contains the limitations of original claims 1 and 3, new Claim 15 contains the limitations of original claims 2 and 3, new Claim 21 contains the limitations of original claims 1, 3 and 6 and new Claim 22 contains the limitations of original claims 2, 3 and 8. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that each of the new claims is allowable.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Imamura, et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,234,337). Applicant asserts that the claims as now presented obviate the rejection of the claims.

One independent claim in excess of three is added. The fee of \$200.00 for the claim(s) is provided for in the charge authorization presented in the PTO Form 2038, Credit Card Payment form, provided herewith.

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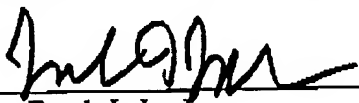
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In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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